(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The term of appointment of the Chairman, ONGC was extended in the public interest

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Expenditure by Oil and Natural Gas Commission on advertisements, etc.

3252. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expenditure incurred by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission annually on advertisements, publicity and public relations during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that the ONGC has been issuing the same press notes highlighting its achievements made at different periods through different places;

(c) if so, whether Government will direct the ONGC to stop this unethical practice of repeatedly publicising the same news items; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The expenditure incurred by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) is on two broad categories; advertisements relating Recruitments and notices inviting tenders; and advertisements that are part of publicity and public relations activities. The expenditure during the last 3 years on these two broad categories is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Advertisements relating to Recruitments & Invitation of tender	Casual Advertisements, Publicity and Public Relations
1985-86	121.07	42.54
1986-87	265.03	28.03
1987-88	223.72	63.26

(b) and (c) ONGC Publicity, Public Relations and press releases are made in accordance with the established policy of their Corporate Office and Government is not directly concened with these matters.

(d) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासियों और हरिजनों के कल्याण के लिए बिजली की आपूर्ति

3253. **श्री अजीत जोगी**: क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश राज्य के आदिवासियों और हरिजनों को केवल 20 रु. में एक बत्ती का कनेक्शन उपलब्ध कराने की योजना के अधीन इस योजना की कल्याणकारी प्रवृत्ति को देखते हुए घाटे की प्रतिपूर्ति करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड को ऐसी कल्याण योजना को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए पर्याप्त वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करेगी ताकि मध्य प्रदेश के सभी आदिवासी और हरिजन इस योजना से लाभ उठा सकें; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार आदिवासी और हरिजनों को बिना किसी कठिनाई के सस्ती दरों पर बिजली की नियमित आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में विद्युत विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय): (क) इस प्रकार की स्कीमों में हुए घाटे की प्रतिपूर्ति करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव मध्य प्रदेश प्राधिकारियों से सरकार को प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) हाल ही में सरकार द्वारा एक "कुटीर ज्योति" कार्यक्रम आरम्भ किया गया है जिसके अन्तर्गत वर्ष 1988-89 के दौरान अखिल भारत स्तर पर आदिवासी तथा हरिजन व्यक्तियों सहित गांवों में रहने वाले गरीब व्यक्तियों के 5 लाख घरों में बिजली के एक प्वाइंट का कनेक्शन प्रदान किया जाना है। मध्य प्रदेश को अन्तिम रूप से 101.20 लाख रुपये की राशि आवंटित की गई है ताकि वहां इस प्रकार के कम से कम 50,600 कनेक्शन प्रदान किए जा सकें।

(ग) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों सहित सभी क्षेत्रों को विद्युत सप्लाई की टैरिफ, संबंधित राज्य प्राधिकारियों द्वारा निर्धारित की जाती है सामान्यतया, राज्य बिजली बोर्डों द्वारा आदिवासी एवं हरिजन आबादी वाले क्षेत्रों सहित ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों को विद्युत की सप्लाई, अपेक्षाकृत सस्ती दरों पर की जाती है।

Proposals for development of mining activities by Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd., Andhra Pradesh

3254. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal from the Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Andhra Pradesh for the development of its mining activities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) to (c). The following new coal mining project proposals received from the Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., are in various stages of appraisal for investment decisions;

(i)	Feasibility Report for Ravindra Khani (New Tech.) Project	1.00 mty
(ii)	Feasibility Report for Goleti Longwall Project	0.76 mty
(iii)	Feasibility Report for Padmavati Khani Project	1.20 mty
(iv)	Feasibility Report for Godavari Khani 9 Incline Extension annexing Vakilpally Block A	0.45 mty

These projects require environmental clearance before they can be considered for investment decision.

Planning commission suggestions for attaining self-sufficiency in electricity generations

3255. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the suggestions of the Planning Commission for attaining self-sufficiency in electricity generation; and

(b) what is the number of such suggestions already implemented and the number of those which are yet to be implemented along with the reasons for the delay in implementing them?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The Government have initiated several measures, in consultation with the Planning Commission and other organisations concerned, to attain self-sufficiency in electricity generation. The measures taken include taking up new projects, expediting the commissioning of on-going projects, installation of short gestation projects, maximising generation from existing capacity, reduction in transmission and distribution losses and implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures.